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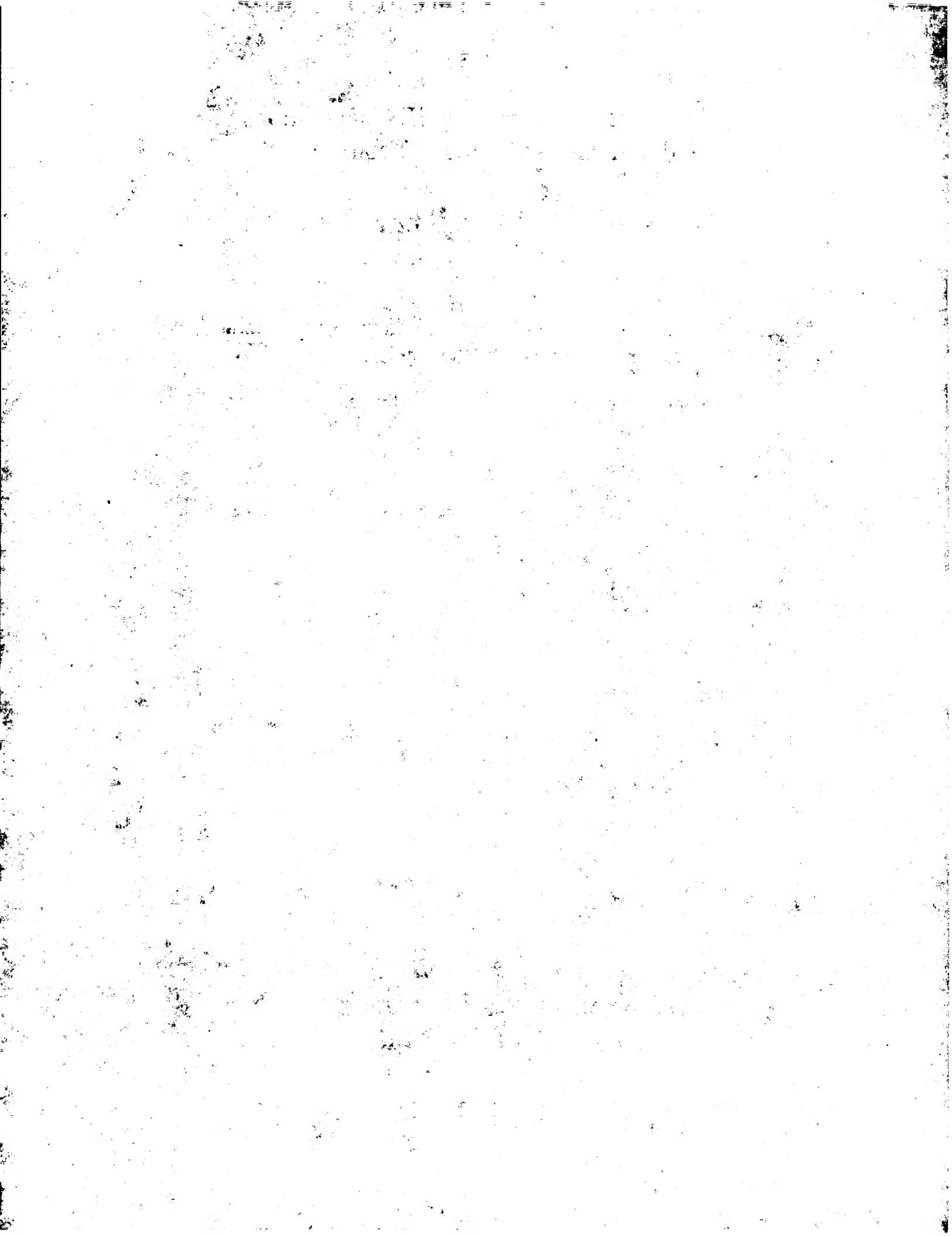
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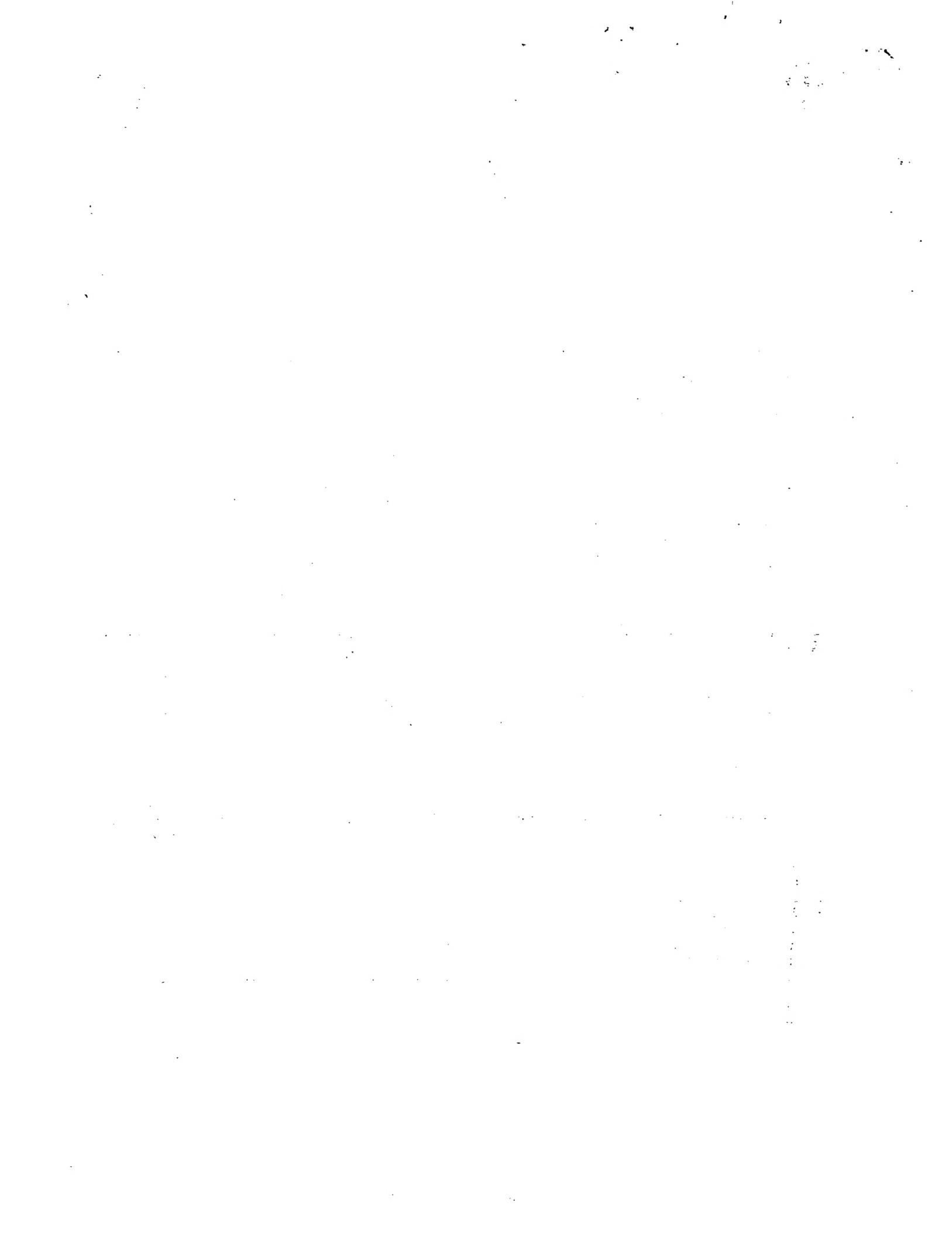
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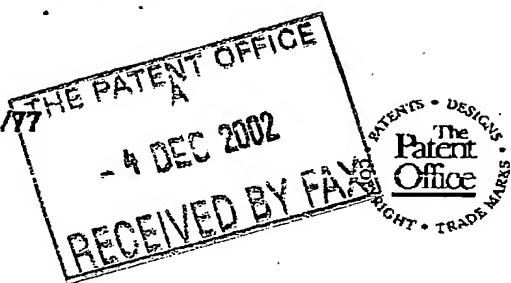


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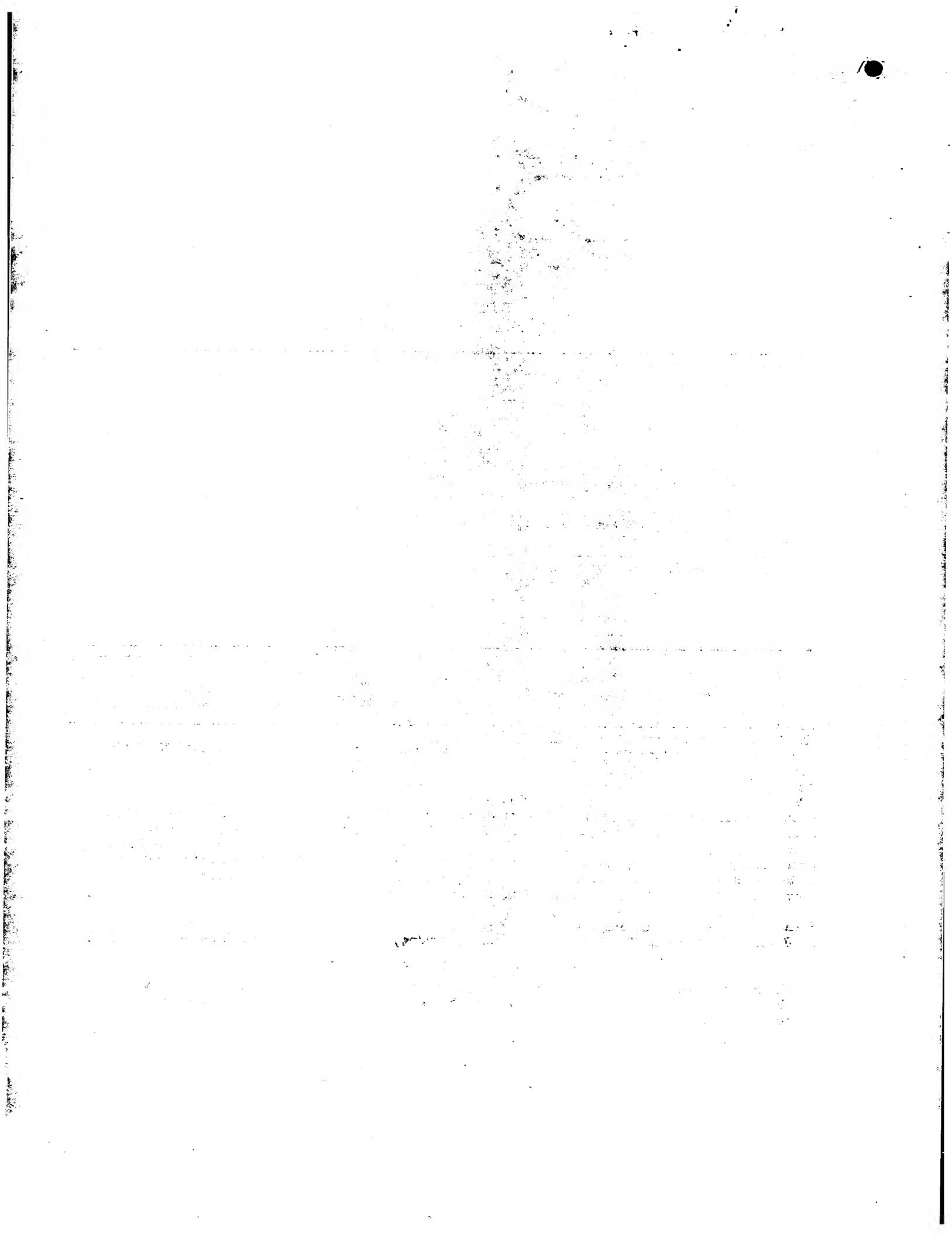
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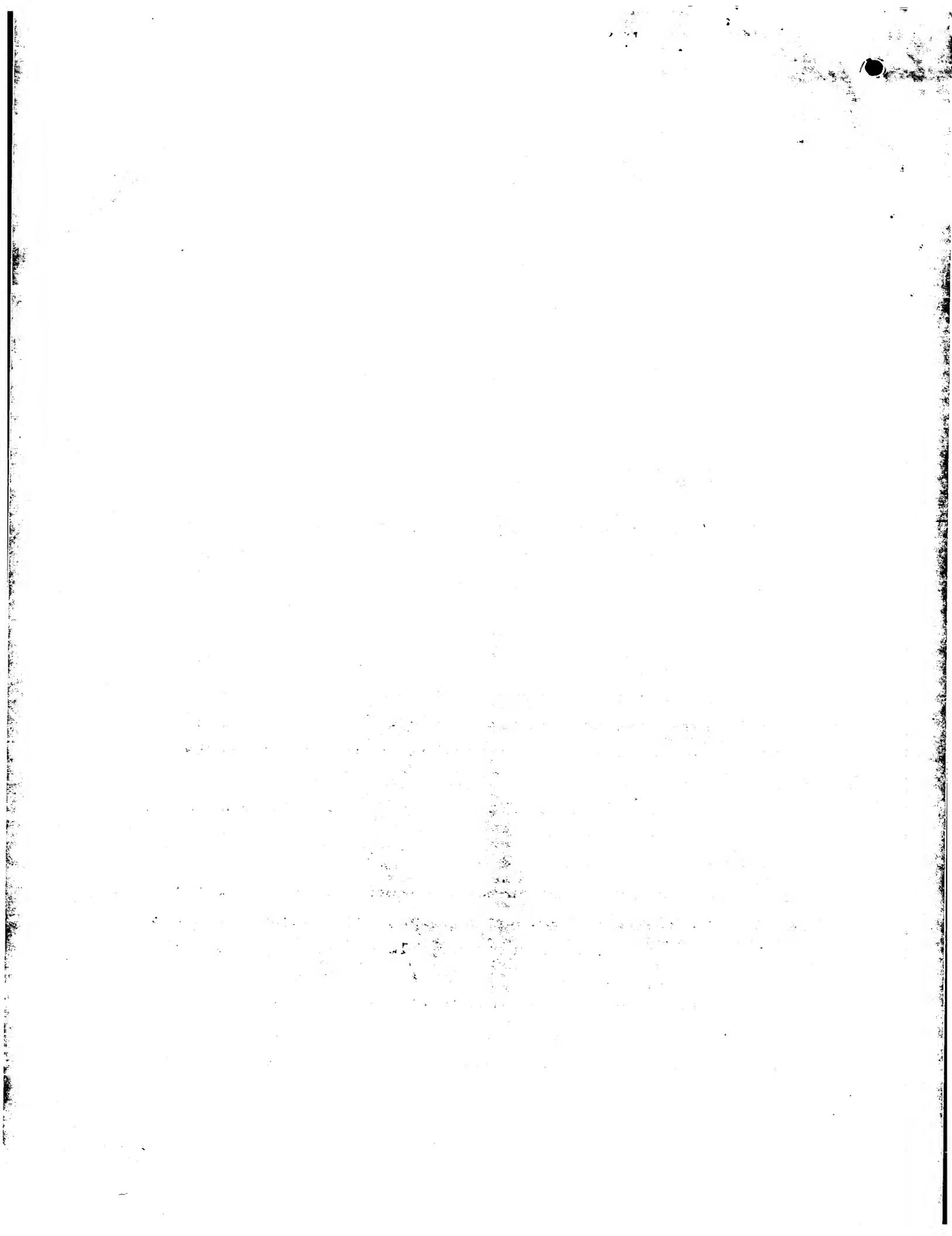
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1       Fluid Storage Apparatus

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3       This invention relates to fluid storage apparatus,  
4       in particular, but not exclusively, to apparatus for  
5       storing and transporting fluids such as, for  
6       example, cellular liquids and cell samples.

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8       While such apparatus are numerous and consist of  
9       basic components with differences in design and  
10      arrangements for safely storing and transporting  
11      cell samples, no previously proposed arrangements  
12      efficiently assist in safely storing, transporting  
13      and preserving fluids such as cellular liquids and  
14      cell samples.

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16      According to the present invention there is provided  
17      fluid storage apparatus comprising a first container  
18      having a first chamber capable of being filled with  
19      fluid, a second container having a second chamber  
20      adapted to receive the fluid from said first  
21      chamber, the second container having piston means  
22      slidably receivable within the first chamber of the

1       first container wherein, on insertion of said piston  
2       means within said first chamber of the first  
3       container, fluid is displaced from the first chamber  
4       to the second chamber.

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6       Embodiments of the present invention will now be  
7       described, by way of example only, with reference to  
8       the accompanying drawings in which:-

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10      Fig. 1 is a side view of fluid storage  
11       apparatus in an initial position; and

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13      Fig. 2 is a side view of the fluid apparatus of  
14       Fig. 1 in a storage position.

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16      Referring to the drawings, fluid storage apparatus  
17       10 for storing and transporting fluids such as, for  
18       example, cellular liquids and cell samples comprises  
19       a first container 12 having a first chamber 14  
20       capable of being filled with a volume of fluid.

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22      The chamber 14, in section, is in the form of a  
23       rectangle having a semi-circle located at one end of  
24       the rectangle.

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26      The apparatus 10 further comprises a second  
27       container 16 having and a second chamber 20 and a  
28       piston 18. The second chamber 20, in section, is  
29       rectangular and is adapted to receive the fluid  
30       displaced from the first chamber 14.

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1       The piston 18 includes a stepped, central orifice 22.  
2       defining a conduit which allows the fluid to move  
3       from the first chamber 14 to the second chamber 20.

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5       The piston 18 is slidably receivable within the  
6       first chamber 14 of the first container 12.

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8       The volume of the first chamber 14 is substantially  
9       equal to the volume of the second chamber 20 and the  
10      stepped, central orifice 22.

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12      In use, the first chamber 14 of the first container  
13      12 is filled with a fluid. The piston 18 is then  
14      inserted into the first chamber 14 and the first and  
15      second containers are then urged together by means  
16      of longitudinal forces A and B applied to respective  
17      exterior ends 24, 26 of the first and second  
18      containers 12, 16, forcing the piston 18 into the  
19      first chamber 14.

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21      The fluid in turn is forced by the piston 18 through  
22      the stepped, central orifice 22 and exits into the  
23      second chamber 20.

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25      The opposed longitudinal forces are applied to the  
26      respective ends 24, 26 until all the fluid has been  
27      transferred from the first chamber 14 through the  
28      central orifice 22 into the second chamber 20.

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30      The apparatus 10 is tightly sealed preventing the  
31      fluid from escaping from the apparatus 10 in

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- 1      transport, and preventing the surrounding air to
- 2      interfere with the fluid thus preserving the fluid.
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- 4      Modifications and improvements may be made to the
- 5      above without departing from the scope of the
- 6      present invention.

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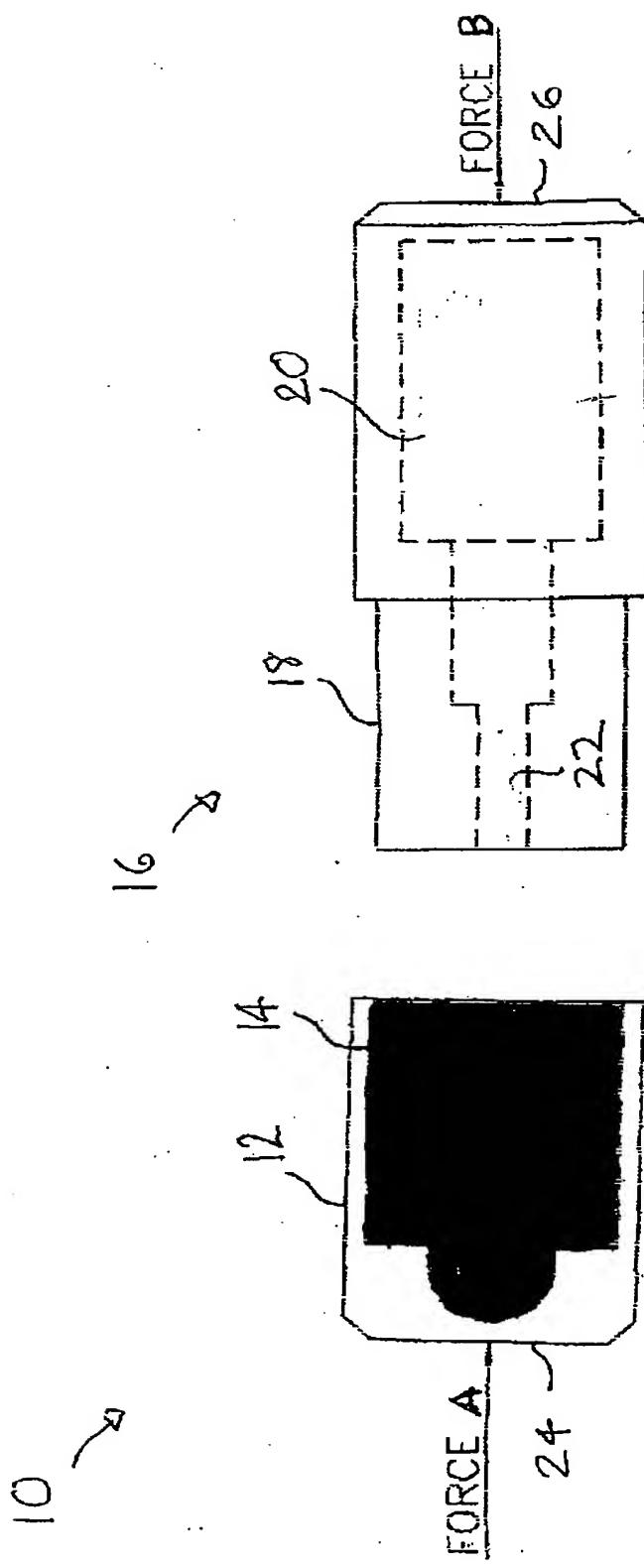


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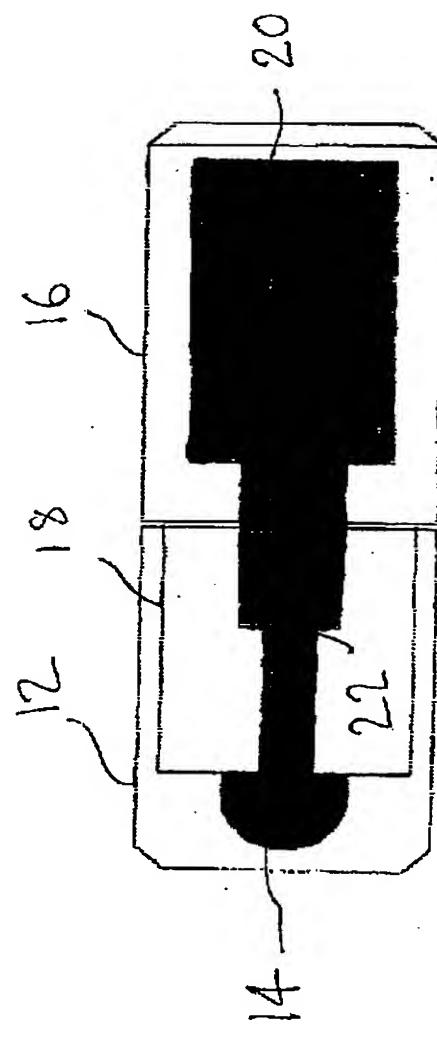


Fig. 2

